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TO: Each Supervisor

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SANTA MONICA BAY BEACHES AND MARINA DEL REY BACTERIA TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS - IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

In January 2002 and March 2004, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) adopted the Santa Monica Bay Beaches Wet-Weather Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and the Marina del Rey Bacteria TMDL, respectively. The TMDLs require the County and other agencies to reduce bacteria levels in the bay and marina to protect human recreational uses, such as swimming, fishing, and boating. The TMDL also requires the County and other public agencies to collaboratively develop and submit draft implementation plans to the RWQCB describing projects and programs we propose to pursue to reduce the bacteria levels.

We will be scheduling a meeting with your Public Works' Deputies, staff from the Chief Administrative Office, and County Counsel to discuss these TMDLs, the implementation plans, and their impact on the County. We will also discuss the RWQCB's upcoming TMDLs for other areas of the County and other pollutants, such as metals, nutrients, organics, and trash.

This month, four implementation plans are being submitted to the RWQCB. The County of Los Angeles is a jurisdictional agency in each of them and the lead agency for the plan that covers the North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds, excluding the Malibu Creek Watershed, and the plan for the Marina del Rey Watershed. The primary County agencies that have been involved in this process are the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the Departments of Public Works, Health Services, and Beaches and Harbors.

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The main features of these plans are:

- An initial focus on implementing public outreach and education; and changes in the way we operate, maintain, inspect, regulate, and construct public and private facilities and infrastructure (institutional control measures).
- Installing Structural Best Management Practices at public facilities (local controls) and deferring expensive end-of-pipe treatment facilities and regional projects if necessary.
- Phased implementation to allow agencies to program, budget, develop, and implement the plan.
- Flexibility to modify, add, eliminate, and test action activities for effectiveness (iterative adaptive approach).
- An implementation timeframe up to 2021.
- Additional studies and monitoring to support revisiting the TMDL requirements to validate the water quality standards and practicality of implementation.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Rod Kubomoto of Watershed Management Division at (626) 458-4300.

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



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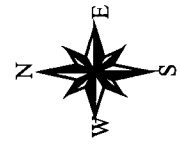
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Jurisdiction (Lead Agency)

	Jurisdiction 1 (LA County)		Jurisdiction 6 (Redondo Beach)
	Jurisdiction 2 (LA City)		Jurisdiction 7 (Rancho Palos Verdes)
	Jurisdiction 3 (Santa Monica)		Marina del Rey Watershed
	Jurisdiction 4 (Malibu)		Ballona Creek Watershed - Separate TMDL pending
	Jurisdiction 5 (Manhattan Beach)		Malibu Creek Watershed - Separate TMDL pending



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Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria TMDL Jurisdictional Groups plus Marina del Rey, Ballona Creek, Malibu Creek Watersheds